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SUBJECT: ENERGY EXPLORATION IN CONGO

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1. CHARGE MET WITH CONGOLESE ENERGY MINISTER ADADA MARCH 20.
ADADA DISCUSSED GULF NEGOTIATIONS, EXPRESSING HIS DISAPPOINTMENT
IN GULF'S OFFER. CONGO TEAM NOW IS IN PARIS MEETING WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADIAN SUPERIOR, WITH WHOM ADADA BELIEVES
AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED FOR KAYES CONCESSION. ADADA DID
ADD THAT BOTH ELF AND AGIP WOULD BE INTERESTED IN AMERICAN
PARTICIPATION IN PART OF THEIR FIELDS, SHOULD A DEAL BE STRUCK
IN THE FUTURE. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT TOUCH BASE
WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES WHICH HAVE INDICATED INTEREST, TO
REPORT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADIANS, SINCE THIS MAY BE
LAST MOMENT FOR THEM TO MAKE OFFER. THESE WOULD INCLUDE GULF
(ORTIZ), HOUSTON OIL AND MINERAL (CHERIF GUELLAL (202-337-5408)
AND BUTTES (WHITEFORD (713-651-0062)).

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2. ADADA WAS DELIGHTED WITH NEWS OF WYOMING MINERAL POSSIBLE
INTEREST IN URANIUM EXPLORATION AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH DAVE
DAWSON DURING HIS (ADADA'S) FORTHCOMING VISIT TO US TO MEET WITH
COASTAL STATES. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT HAVE DAWSON STAY IN TOUCH
WITH CONGOLESE PERMREP MONDJO CONCERNING ADADA ETA.

3. ADADA SHOWED CHARGE CONGOLESE DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH COASTAL STATES CONCERNING REFINERY, DATED FEBRUARY 24, WHICH ADADA WILL USE AS BASIS FOR UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH COASTAL. ADADA IS PLEASED TO HAVE RECEIVED NEWS FROM HIS PARIS LAWYER TO EFFECT THAT LOVACA CASE INVOLVING COASTAL IS TO BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

4. ADADA ALSO TOLD US THAT IN HIS VIEW, LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON SONARA OIL REFINERY (YAOUNDE 954 NOTAL) ARE UNLIKELY TO AFFECT CONGO.
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